State	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96
Goa	1.5	1.5	1.7
Karnataka	101.1	105.8	113.4
Kerala	79.5	90.5	91.2
Maharashtra	3.6	3.7	3.8
Meghalaya	9.4	10.2	11.1
Mizoram	0.1	0.1	0.1
Tamil Nadu	4.3	3.1	3.1
Tripura	2.5	2.5	2.5
West Bengal	9.5	9.9	9.8
Andaman & Nicobar Islands	4.9	5.0	5.0
Pondicherry	0.2	0.2	0.2
TOTAL	271.1	289.7	299.8

Allocation of Funds to Fake Voluntary Organisations in Maharashtra

902. SHRI E. BALANANDAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in Maharashtra, the District Soil Conservation Officer, Malegaon (Nasik) doled out Rs. 32.82 lakhs to 22 voluntary organisations which were neither registered nor had ever worked in the rural areas; and

(b) if so, the Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SOMPAL): (a) and (b) No, Sir. The Govt. of Maharashtra has reported that the Divisional Soil Conservation Officer has allotted only Rs. 6.89 lakhs in 1996-97 and Rs. 12.87 lakhs in 1997-98 to 5 Voluntary organisations which are working in different villages. These Voluntary Organisations are implementing a State Scheme named, "Adarsha Gaon Scheme". The expenditure incurred during the year 1996-97 and 1997-98 is Rs. 6.89 lakhs and Rs. 12.87 lakhs respectively.

All These Voluntary organisations are duly registered. The Voluntary Organisations are selected by a State Level Adarsh Gaon Sankalp & Prakalpa Samittee formed for this purpose by the Government. The criteria fixed by the Committee are fulfilled by these Organisations.

Capital Information in Agriculture

903. SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken any steps to hike the capital formation in agriculture;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) The details of the capital formation from 1992-93 to 1997-98?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SOMPAL): (a). and (b) Recognising the importance of capital formation in agricultural development, the Govenrment is taking a series of steps to raise capital formation in agriculture. These include, increased plan outlay in agriculture & allied sectors and enhancement in the investment for development of rural infrastructure. Raising productivity through various crop specific development programmes and ensuring remunerative prices would also help improve the capital formation in agriculture.

Some of the measures announced in the Union Budget for 1998-99 which